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Work and Workers

Brother Summers reports two accessions at La Paz, Indiana, at his last appointment at that place.

The article by Brother Reichard on "New Wine and Old Bottles" is something new and merits careful as well as thoughtful reading.

The Ohio State Conference has come and gone. It was one of the best State Conference it has ever been our privilege to attend. Brethren Cassel of Pa., and Miller of Indiana, were with us and rendered valuable service. The report of the Conference will be published next week.

The class address delivered by brother J. L. Gillin to the class of 1902 will be printed in full next week. It is a thoughtful and practical production, philosophical yet withal timely in its application to the time and circumstance for which it was prepared. Look for it next week.

The people of Indiana should give special heed to the appeal in this issue of the paper by Brother Rench. The Mission Board has set aside the last Sabbath of the month of June as missionary day. We trust the pastors in that State will see that the expectations of the Board are fully realized, and if possible more than realized.

Brother Gillin's Note, always full of interest and helpful suggestions, are especially so this week. We are pleased to announce that Brother Gillin will continue these "Notes" indefinitely. Of the little Irish story at the close of his "Notes" this week the reader is left to make his own application. It is a story with a moral.

Brother Livengood writes very plainly of the duties of the pastor to his God and to his people. Now will some one tell us about the duty of the people to the pastor. For they have a duty to perform no less than the pastor, and one without the doing of which the church can never prosper. What layman will write such an article? Moved and seconed and carried that brother H. M. Lichty, Sunnyside, Washington, will.

We are ready to join Brother Lyon in his resolution not to eat meat while the trust lasts; rather we have joined that company long ago. It is a blessed thing that meat is not an essential when once people know it, but until experience proves the fact universally as it has proven it in many individual cases the public will not believe that mankind can get along without animal food. If the social conditions were just what they ought to be the people could now prove to themselves that man can live and live well without meat.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Cummings, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Nankin, Ohio. The entire sermon is

printed in this issue of the EVANGELIST, and of its excellent merits we will let the reader find out for himself. Read it at least the second time, oftener if necessary for we assure you that it is worthy of all the time that you may give the reading of it. The class was well pleased with, and heartily appreciated the services rendered by Rev. Cummings.

At his last appointment at Milford, Indiana, Brother Miller received into fellowship three members, one relation and two by letter. Brother Miller has closed his work at this place and accepted a call from the Bryan, Ohio, congregation for half his time. As we understand it he will live at North Manchester, Indiana, and serve center Chapel, Roann, in that State, and Bryan in Ohio. Indiana thus loses half the services of a very good pastor, but in this case it is Ohio's gain. The brotherhood is looking this way.

The Johnstown, Pa., Brethren church has been richly blest during the last year, both in accessions to their number and in the development of spiritual power and usefulness. Brother Haskins, the pastor, has set the mark at 100 additions during the year, a worthy ambition indeed, and we hope the number will be reached and more. It means hard work, but work agrees with Brother Haskins; besides he has some noble helpers, and together they are pressing forward the cause of the Brethren church to new conquests, larger achievements and enlarging their field of operations.

Four members have been added to the church at Conemaugh, Pa. since Brother Koonts' last report. If of the apostolic church it could be said that the Lord added daily such as were being saved, of the Conemaugh congregation it can at least be said that the Lord is adding weekly such as are being saved. We are pleased to note that accessions to the church have not ceased with the change of seasons as is so often the case, especially in some denominations. Let the Brethren church labor for the salvation of souls the whole year round; the time for rest from our labors is coming later.

The "Great Change," by Wayland Hoyt in another column is certainly a very timely article and deserves the careful reading of every member of the Brethren church. A Christian character can not be built on mere culture as a foundation. It requires more than that. There must be a change in the heart before there can be a consequent change in the life. And this change is radical and fundamental; it is nothing less than a revolution whatever the process of bringing it may be. It means a *re-birth*, a birth from above, a birth from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, a transition which cannot be made in any other way but by a *re-generation*.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, at Ashland, Ohio, the following members were present: J. C. Cassel, C. E. Deffenbaugh, David Bailey, John Keim, E. J. Worst, G. A. Ruff, J. L. Kimmel and A. D. Gnagey. The officers elected were, John Keim, President; J. C. Cassel, Vice President; A. D. Gnagey, Secretary; E. J. Worst, Treasurer. Prudential Committee: John Keim, E. J. Worst and A. D. Gnagey. The business of the Board was satisfactorily disposed of, and arrangements made for next year's work. The outlook for the college is bright, and the Board hopes by another year to plan for yet larger work. The President, Brother Miller with all the members of the Faculty has done excellent work, and the brotherhood has just cause for rejoicing because of the success which has crowned the self-

sacrificing labors of the members of the present Faculty. If the Brethren church will properly support Ashland College with her money and young people she may expect great things from this institution.

A brother who is much interested in the cause of the Brethren church writes: "An unusual effort should be made this year to get as many people to attend our National Conference as possible, for you have noticed that money for various interests can be raised at Conference as nowhere else, and the larger the crowd the more can be raised. Let us from this time on talk and keep at it to get up an interest to get hundreds to come to General Conference, for I verily believe that our financial success or failure in all our church interests will depend on large or small crowd at next Conference. What think you?" Exactly so. Let the agitation begin now in every congregation in the entire brotherhood and keep it up until the time of Conference. What the brother writes we have learned by experience to be the truth. The complete program is expected to be published the first week in July. The spring State Conferences are now out of the way and there is nothing to hinder us from turning our attention to the National Conference. Let us do this, and along with it let us not forget to pray that God may give us wisdom and guidance for the work which awaits the church at this Conference. It is already clear that the most momentous questions ever brought before National Conference will press their way into this body for decision, and there should be no disposition to evade them, for they are vital to the church. We hope for great things from the work of the coming gathering of the representatives of the Brethren at Winona. If the church will give much time to prayer and the study of the Word to determine what her duty is, she will not be disappointed in her expectations. May the Lord grant to each one of us that wisdom without which we can not plan wisely for him.

Brief mention of our visit a few weeks ago to Dayton to assist Brother Kimmel in communion services has already been made. It is but right that a few words should be said of the excellent work being done by the Dayton Mission, we say by the Mission, for while much of the credit is due Brother Kimmel who is the pastor and leader of our people at that place, yet he is most fortunate in having as his helpers a band of thoroughly consecrated workers. The Dayton Mission has a splendid church building in a good part of the city. It is most conveniently arranged in its departments for just such a purpose as it is now being used for. It is doubtful whether if it had been planned and built by the Mission it would suit them any better. Recently the Sunday school has undertaken to paper the sides and ceiling which they did most admirably. Brother Shock was both the designer and the workman and his part of the work was most skilfully done. Brother Julius Kimmel is the superintendent and as a successful worker and organizer in that capacity we have never found his equal. At our late Conference brother J. L. Kimmel had occasion to describe what he thought a model superintendent. That man was Brother Julius. He is gentle, kind, humble, a lover of children, and a born leader of young people. Under his management the school has grown from 30 or 40 to over 100, there being 102 present on the Sabbath it was our privilege to visit with them, and on the Sabbath before 127. The pastor, Brother Kimmel, has the work thoroughly organized and in all its departments most commendable progress is being made. The young